

Governor's Toxic Reduction Challenge Results

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Below is a summary of what some of the organizations did in 1998 to endorse the goals of the Challenge:

- ABT Co., Inc. eliminated methylene chloride in its cold cleaning tank;
- Allison Engine Company eliminated methylene chloride in one of its vapor degreasing operations;
- BICC has converted most of its toluene cleaning systems to non-hazardous systems;
- Earth Day Indiana has publicized the Challenge in its newsletter;
- Exide Corporation is planning to eliminate a hazardous waste stream from its wastewater discharge. It is also studying solvent losses throughout its plant;
- Ispat Inland Inc. has joined the voluntary mercury reduction initiative in Northwest Indiana;
- Jasper Rubber is researching the replacement of zinc-based solutions used in mixed rubber cooling tanks;
- MPL Corporation lowered styrene emissions by reducing resin consumption;
- Madison Chemical reduced sodium nitrate consumption by 10,000 pounds and glycol ether consumption by 20,000 pounds in 1998. Madison has virtually eliminated chromium and molybdenum in its products by converting to silane compounds. Steve Hale, research chemist, spoke at the US EPA Region V Waste Minimization Conference in December 1998;
- Northern Indiana Public Service Company has done a lot of excellent work in the PCB and mercury area. By the end of 1998, NIPSCO had removed 97.2% of the original 162,161 kilograms of PCBs. From 1995-1998, NIPSCO collected 82.73 pounds of mercury for recycling. This mercury came from various equipment at NIPSCO facilities;
- Reilly Industries reduced ammonia emissions by approximately 25%;
- 3M Hartford City installed a capture system for hazardous air pollutants that should result in a 20% drop in air emissions comparing 1999 to 1997;
- Viking Formed Products reduced styrene emissions by approximately 50%;
- Visteon (Ford Indianapolis) eliminated all aerosols containing methyl ethyl ketone. It also eliminated all regulated PCB activities and eliminated mercury pressure switches on coolant systems; and,
- Wabash National has converted much of its lighting to low-mercury fluorescent lighting.

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